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TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Response to Office Action (for which no fee is deemed to be due);
- (4) Submission of Formal Drawings (with 12 sheets drawings)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2005, setting a period for response expiring on June 10, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification are not being made.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not being made.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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